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Courthouse turns pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

Erie, PA – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is turning the Erie County Courthouse pink for the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Starting Oct. 1, the lights that illuminate the Courthouse, 140 W. Sixth St., will change to pink and remain that way for the duration of the month.

This gesture signifies a tribute to those battling breast cancer and in memory of the loved ones who have been lost to the disease. It also serves as a visible reminder to all Erie County residents of the importance of early detection.

"Most of us know someone who has been affected by breast cancer in some way and have come to understand that it does not discriminate," County Executive Dahlkemper said. "It is imperative that we educate ourselves and take the necessary precautions to stop this disease head-on with early detection."

Dahlkemper urges all women to conduct breast self-exams and to receive yearly mammograms. Likewise, she wants men to understand the abnormalities that could signal the presence of male breast cancer.

Approximately 12,000 women in Pennsylvania are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, according to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

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